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U.S. Appl. No. 10/712,792**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

-On page 1 immediately preceding paragraph [0002], please DELETE the heading "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION."

-On page 6, please REPLACE paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:

[0026] Referring back to the side view in Fig. 1, holder 10 also preferably includes cushion members 52 and 54 for gently but securely stowing portions of a personal article disposed in space 50 when holder 10 is in a closed position. As shown, upper arm 20 has cushion member 52 disposed on a lower or inside surface thereof. Conversely, lower arm 30 has cushion member 54 disposed on an upper or inside surface as well. Cushion members 52 and 54 may be fixed or removably attached to respective arms 20, 30 in any manner for one material to be secured to another, e.g., snaps, adhesive, hook and loop material such as VELCRO™ brand fastener, etc. In one embodiment, cushion members 52 and 54 are fixed to the interior of the upper and lower arms using an adhesive. When the clamping body is in a closed position (depicted in Fig. 1), cushion members 52 and 54 may abut against one another or be separated by a small space for gripping a portion of a personal article placed there between.

-On pages 7 and 8, please REPLACE paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] Attachment portion 35 may be any mechanism or arrangement for facilitating temporary or permanent fixation of clamping body to other surfaces. Examples of attachment portion 35 include a clip, a magnet, [[VELCRO]] hook and loop material, a suction cup, double sided tape, etc. In one embodiment, attachment portion 35 is a tensioned wire attached to lower arm 30 similar to, but not limited to, the example shown in Fig. 1. With this arrangement, holder 10 may be utilized as a bookmark by clipping a desired portion of a book between wire 35 and

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lower arm 30. In another embodiment attachment portion 35 is a segment of double-sided tape (not shown) having one side adhere to the clamping body and readily attachable to a desired surface, such as a computer monitor, using the adhesive opposite side.

-On page 8, please REPLACE paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Fig. 5 illustrates an embodiment of the present invention in which a personal article holder 500 includes two cavities; a first cavity 525 for retaining a removable writing surface 526 such as a pad of paper or sticky backed paper notes such as POST-IT<sup>TM</sup> brand type notes, and a second cavity (not shown) for retaining a writing utensil 536 such as a pencil or pen. The first cavity 525 is preferably conformed to a shape of the writing surface 526 and includes one or more tabs 528 for retaining writing surface 526 inside cavity 525. The second cavity may be formed as a hole through the sides of one of the arms 20, 30 (Fig. 1), for example, using a hole through the respective cushion member 52, 54 having a smaller diameter than writing utensil 536 and thus bias writing utensil 536 in place. Alternatively, or in addition, a cavity for retaining writing utensil 536 may be formed by a recess in the injection molded plastic as discussed with respect to the screwdriver embodiment below. One or more clips for holding writing utensil 536 could also be used.